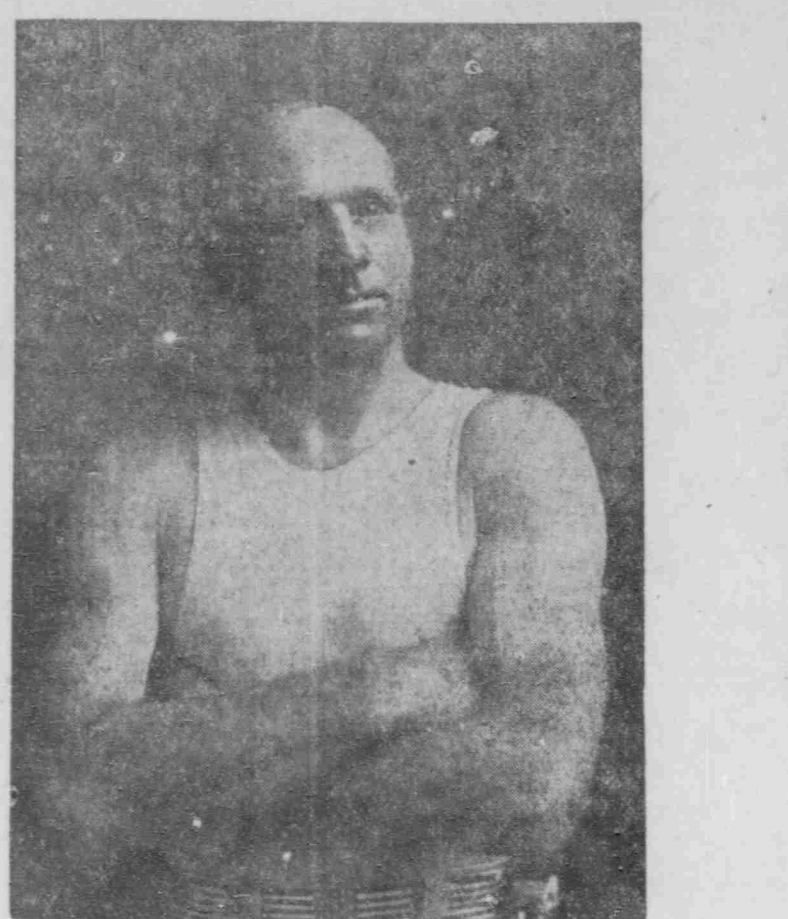


What's What in Sports All the Time

TOO OLD TO COME BACK



Bob Fitzsimmons, veteran, who fought gamely against youth and strength.

FITZSIMMONS KNOCKED OUT BY BILL LANG IN TWELFTH ROUND

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 27.—Bill Lang, the Australian heavyweight, knocked out Bob Fitzsimmons in the twelfth round of their fight at Rush Cutters' Bay stadium today. The fight was evenly contested up to the last round, 4, when Lang forced Fitzsimmons to the ropes, knocking him down with a right-hand blow to the jaw, and when he arose, sent him to the floor senseless with a right-hand uppercut.

Fitzsimmons had not appeared in the ring in Australia since he left here for the United States many years ago, and when he climbed through the ropes today he was given an enthusiastic reception. The veteran looked to be in splendid condition after his long period of preparation. The fight opened rather tamely, Lang showing his extreme nervousness. He was frequently hooted for holding in the clinches and frequently butting his opponent and refusing to break clean. Fitzsimmons, on the contrary, fought cleanly and quickly became the favorite with the crowd.

As the fight progressed Lang acquired confidence and forced the pace, but Fitzsimmons cleverly evaded his rushes and frequently landed clean blows on the face and body. In a hot rally in the eleventh round Fitzsimmons cut Lang's right eye severely with a left-hand punch. When the twelfth and last round opened, Lang rushed Fitzsimmons through the ropes and floored him with a right-hand swing.

Fitz Groggy.

Fitzsimmons took the count of nine and rose groggy. Lang was at him fiercely as soon as he regained his feet, battering the tottering veteran about the ring. He forced Fitz to the ropes and with a frequently landed clean blow on the face and body. Lang was a strong favorite in the betting, and he was expected to win the fight. Lang was expected to win the fight. Lang was expected to win the fight.

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SHARKEY SAYS JEFF IS BIG BLACK BEAR

Only One Like Him in Century, and Johnson Sure to Meet Defeat.

New York, Dec. 26.—Tom Sharkey says it's a hard matter to try to dope out a fight seven months before the men climb into the ring, but looking over the situation of the Battle of the Century he feels confident that Jim Jeffries will collect the large sum of the prize when he meets Jack Johnson on July 4.

"Now, before I go further," he said today, "I want to say that I am looking at this great contest from the outside. It is only natural that I should hope that Jeffries wins the battle, if only to have the title remain in the white man's class. Many may think that there should be no color line in the fighting game, but we are on this earth. This does not mean that I am knocking Johnson, there was ever a colored man that was really white. Johnson is the man. If he had been born light instead of black, well, there might have been a different story. I have met both fighters time and time again and want to go on record as saying that I claim that I consider the pair two clever men in the ring; and outside of the squared circle they are men that are worth knowing."

"There is one wall that has never stopped since Jim Jeffries signed up for the battle. The public have been without drawing a long breath. Jeffries will have to get back his wind. That's the best joke I can make since Joe Miller stopped kidding the public. One would think Jim Jeffries was an ordinary mortal. He is a fighter that is produced once in a century. He is composed of tough fibre, and he is a bulk that is almost unnatural."

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NATIONAL LEAGUE AVERAGES

New York Dec. 26.—Captain Frank Chance, of Chicago, leads all National league first basemen in the official averages for the season of 1909, as announced today. With a percentage of 300 for 22 games he is closely followed by Brantfield, of Philadelphia, with a percentage of 289 for 128 games.

Bridwell, of New York, with 145 games to his credit, and Huns Wagner, of Pittsburgh, with 139, are tied with 94 per cent in the fielding averages for shortstops.

Hummel, of Brooklyn, played a perfect score in seven games as an outfielder, but Captain Clarke, of Pittsburgh, has probably the best average, with 123 games played and a percentage of 93. Gibson, of Pittsburgh, caught 150 games, and had a fielding average of 93.

Pittsburg was the best pitcher, with a record of 364, with the following ranking: Chicago, 367; Philadelphia, 361; Brooklyn, 356; New York, 354; Cincinnati, 352; St. Louis, 351, and Boston, 347.

Camnitz, of Pittsburgh, has probably the best pitching record, with forty-one games played and a percentage of 96. Matthews, of New York, has the same average, with thirty-seven games played.

Following are the official fielding averages of National league players who participated in fifteen or more championship games during the season of 1909 (first five given):

FIRST BASEMEN.						
Name and Club—	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	P.C.
Chance, Chicago	128	300	423	40	947	994
Brantfield, Philadelphia	138	1377	83	16	1482	889
Stem, Boston	68	854	62	8	920	889
Autrey, Boston-Cincinnati	68	854	45	8	917	889

SECOND BASEMEN.						
Name and Club—	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	P.C.
Shean, Philadelphia-Boston	56	268	240	18	446	900
St. Louis	128	320	423	40	947	994
Egan, Cincinnati	116	271	376	34	681	950
Hummel, Brooklyn	38	66	106	9	181	950
Zimmerman, Chicago	66	66	55	7	128	945

THIRD BASEMEN.						
Name and Club—	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	P.C.
Storke, Pittsburgh-St. Louis	19	73	7	1	81	894
Brooklyn	121	147	210	16	283	959
Grant, Philadelphia	154	184	210	22	316	957
Mowrey, Cincinnati-St. Louis	23	16	29	3	58	943
Steinfeld, Chicago	151	189	229	31	319	940

SHORTSTOPS.						
Name and Club—	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	P.C.
Abbatechio, Pittsburgh	18	45	67	4	116	965
Storke, St. Louis	44	29	122	10	228	953
Sweeney, Boston	28	66	83	9	158	943
Bridwell, New York	145	299	441	45	725	940
Wagner, Pittsburgh	128	320	423	40	947	994

OUTFIELDERS.						
Name and Club—	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	P.C.
Hummel, Brooklyn	19	33	2	0	35	1000
A. C. Downey, Brooklyn	19	25	2	0	27	1000
Deininger, Philadelphia	45	82	5	1	88	989
Clarke, Pittsburgh	153	362	17	5	384	987
Joe DeNance, St. Louis	62	128	8	2	138	985

CATCHERS.						
Name and Club—	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	P.C.
A. Wilson, New York	17	55	12	1	68	1,985
Gibson, Pittsburgh	150	655	192	15	862	1,983
McLean, Cincinnati	35	129	119	11	259	973
Borah, Brooklyn	112	398	292	25	625	973
Moran, Chicago	74	181	97	8	286	2,972

CLUB FIELDING.						
Name and Club—	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	P.C.
Pittsburg	154	4202	1890	228	6359	964
Chicago	154	4042	1857	244	6225	961
Philadelphia	154	3924	1877	241	6162	961
Brooklyn	153	3911	1853	233	6197	956
New York	157	4306	2066	267	6639	954

PITCHERS' RECORDS.						
Name and Club—	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	P.C.
Camnitz, Pittsburgh	19	23	6	2	31	1,889
Leaver, Pittsburgh	19	23	6	2	31	1,889
H. Camnitz, New York	41	63	24	7	98	1,888
Adams, Pittsburgh	25	133	37	19	23	1,888
M. Brown, Chicago	50	183	304	97	512	1,877

MANHATTAN BOUTS AT THE NEW QUARTERS TONIGHT						
Name and Club—	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	P.C.
Leaver, Pittsburgh	19	23	6	2	31	1,889
H. Camnitz, New York	41	63	24	7	98	1,888
Adams, Pittsburgh	25	133	37	19	23	1,888
M. Brown, Chicago	50	183	304	97	512	1,877

MICHIGAN HAS SEVEN TRACK TEAM VETERANS						
Name and Club—	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	P.C.
Camnitz, Pittsburgh	19	23	6	2	31	1,889
H. Camnitz, New York	41	63	24	7	98	1,888
Adams, Pittsburgh	25	133	37	19	23	1,888
M. Brown, Chicago	50	183	304	97	512	1,877

ST. YVES WINS RACE BY FEW FEET ONLY						
Name and Club—	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	P.C.
Camnitz, Pittsburgh	19	23	6	2	31	1,889
H. Camnitz, New York	41	63	24	7	98	1,888
Adams, Pittsburgh	25	133	37	19	23	1,888
M. Brown, Chicago	50	183	304	97	512	1,877

TO MEET KETCHER JUMP ROPE, HIS WISH						
Name and Club—	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	P.C.
Camnitz, Pittsburgh	19	23	6	2	31	1,889
H. Camnitz, New York	41	63	24	7	98	1,888
Adams, Pittsburgh	25	133	37	19	23	1,888
M. Brown, Chicago	50	183	304	97	512	1,877

MAROONS IN DEMAND AS ATHLETIC COACHES						
Name and Club—	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	P.C.
Camnitz, Pittsburgh	19	23	6	2	31	1,889
H. Camnitz, New York	41	63	24	7	98	1,888
Adams, Pittsburgh	25	133	37	19	23	1,888
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ABOLISH HUNTING?						
Name and Club—	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	P.C.
Camnitz, Pittsburgh	19	23	6	2	31	1,889
H. Camnitz, New York	41	63	24	7	98	1,888
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